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In re application of:  
Sidiropoulos

Serial No. 09/353,547

Filed: July 14, 1999

For: Apparatus and Method for Controlling  
a Master/Slave System via Master  
Device Synchronization

Group Art Unit: 2734

Examiner: unknown

Attorney Docket No. 9797-0022-999

Date: March 22, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

21. A method for calibrating transmission of data from a master device to a first slave device over a data line, comprising:

determining a phase offset value corresponding to data transmission from the master device to the first slave device over the data line;

storing the phase offset value in the master device to produce a stored offset value;  
and

using the stored offset value in the transmission of data from the master device to the first slave device over the data line.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein using the stored offset value further comprises:



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## FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The fee required to be filed with the accompanying amendment of even date herewith concerning the above-identified application has been estimated to be \$1266.

The claim amendment fee has been estimated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	OR	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
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				TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL \$ 1266.00

Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (9797-0022-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date March 22, 2001

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